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"A CUNNING INTRUDER" EXPOSED

Nebraska people are miserably negligent, not only in methods of advertising and promoting the growth of their state, but also in the matter of preventing its invasion by the agents of other more progressive and aggressive states.

Under a deceptive name that is intended to convey an impression that it is an agency calculated to promote the growth of Nebraska, because it bears the name of the metropolis of this state, there is now in progress in Omaha about as clever a scheme to encourage emigration from Nebraska to some other state as it would be possible to devise.

So far as one may judge from its literature, and from the comment of those from outside of Omaha who have visited the so-called Omaha land show, its entire purpose seems to be to exploit the resources and advantages of California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Texas. So little real attention is attracted to Nebraska by it that it is a misnomer to refer to anything Nebraskan in the title to the exhibition.

It should be designated "The Pacific Coast Colonization Exposition," and instead of asking the people of Nebraska to patronize it,

and thus pay the expense of maintaining it, the promoters who bring it to the state should be made to pay roundly for the privilege. It would vastly benefit Nebraska, perhaps, if they were taxed so high for a license that they would be unable to hold such meetings in this state.

All of the states on the Pacific coast devote considerable funds annually to advertising. Recently there has been organized a coalition of all the states along the coast, and much of their aggressive colonization work is done by that organization. It is not at all unreasonable to imagine that this so-called "Omaha Land Show" is a part of the campaign of the Pacific coast colonization scheme, cleverly presented for the patronage of Nebraska people in order that the victims may be made to bear the expense of advertising the far west and luring Nebraskans to seek homes further west.

For who can imagine that it is helpful to build up the state of Nebraska, this holding within its borders an exposition at which chief prominence is given to the rich products of California, Washington, Idaho and Oregon?

If the so-called Omaha land show were held, say, in Indianapolis, and were devoted to an exploitation of the products of Nebraska,

Kansas, Iowa and the Dakotas, then might one expect it to achieve some benefit for the state of Nebraska, and it would not be unreasonable to ask Nebraska people to contribute to the expense of maintaining it, but when it sets itself down among Nebraska people to give exhibitions of the wonderful products of states that are maintaining aggressive colonization campaigns and expects Nebraska people, through their patronage, to more than meet the expense of the exhibitions, it looks dangerously like obtaining money under false pretenses.

This may sound something like a knock on an Omaha enterprise. Let it sound as it may, it is a knock that some one should make. If the people of this state cannot bring themselves to inaugurate and maintain a systematic and effective campaign of their own for advertising the marvelous resources of Nebraska, the impulse for self-preservation and their own self-respect ought to prompt them to protest against this brazen method of bringing into their midst, under a deceptive title, an enterprise intended only to lure Nebraskans to other states. It would be far better were they to put into the advertisement of their own state the money they must contribute to this annual Pacific coast exposition at Omaha.



DAN V. STEPHENS OF DODGE

The democrats of the Third Congressional district have nominated Dan V. Stephens of Fremont for congress, to succeed the late James P. Latta. Mr. Stephens' qualifications for the office are beyond all question, and that he stands for the things demanded by the people of his district and this western section is evidenced by his whole career. It would be difficult to recall any important work calculated to benefit the public in which Mr. Stephens has not taken an active and leading part. His activities are not confined to talk—he is a man who does things. While others were insisting that certain lands could not be reclaimed from swamp and made profitable, Mr. Stephens proceeded to do it. While others were talking about what should be done to improve the public

highways of Nebraska, Mr. Stephens went out and secured their improvement. In season and out of season he has been leading in all works calculated to make his city, his county and his state better in material as well as intellectual ways. He is a student of public questions, and gives to them the mature thought of the educator and the experienced man of business. His acquaintance is perhaps the largest of any man in Nebraska with possibly one or two exceptions. And knowing men he knows their needs and their desires. Knowing these, he has the ability and the willingness to work to secure them.

With Mr. Stephens' party affiliations we are not at all concerned. There is so little difference between the progressive republican and the

progressive democrat that one need not be worried. But there is a vast difference between advocates of progression, and this newspaper, having known Dan V. Stephens intimately for a score of years, knows that there is not in the state a man better fitted to represent her people in the halls of congress. He may not be able to take the floor and indulge in "spellbinding." Indeed, his lack of ability along that line may be a real recommendation. But when it comes to exerting an influence among men, when it comes to making his presence and influence felt by real activity, Dan V. Stephens will rank with the best of them. An opportunity to secure the services of so capable a man should not be allowed to go by without seizing it. Nebraska will be honored by sending a man of Dan V. Stephens' stamp to the congress of the United States.

CURRENT TOPICS

Clark Perkins, secretary of the State Railway Commission at \$2,400 per year, has resigned for the purpose of assuming the editorship and management of the Aurora Republican. What do you know about that—preferring a "country newspaper" to a political job at \$2,400 per? But the people of Aurora and of Hamilton county are to be congratulated, for Clark Perkins is one of the strong young newspaper men of the state, and he will give them a newspaper worth while. It is easier to get men capable of filling that secretaryship than it is to get men of Clark Perkins' newspaper ability.

Is Mr. Carson, head and front—and some say the "innards"—of the Anti-Saloon League, joking when he says that Judge Oldham is unworthy of support because he (Judge Oldham) "is not a good democrat?" We don't know what Judge Oldham thinks about it, but as for us we would deny Mr. Carson's right to judge our democracy just as vehemently as we deny him the right to be the judge of

our sincerity and honesty of purpose in the cause of temperance. Under the management of Poulson the Anti-Saloon League became a downright nuisance. Let Mr. Carson beware lest under his administration it degenerate into a joke.

The authorities at Pierce, Nebr., raided the Eagles' Club room on a complaint that the club was selling liquors after 8 o'clock p. m. The dispatches say that the town is split into two factions over the matter and that trouble is brewing. There will be no trouble if the orders of the head officials of the F. O. E. are observed. In that case the local aerie will not sell liquors contrary to the state law or to the ordinances of Pierce.

About all there is to this "Third Ward" business in Omaha is that when Dennison wants to he gives its vote to the democrats, and when he wants to he gives it to the republicans. And as a usual thing the republicans bid the highest. Last year the Third ward of Omaha, in self-defense, gave its vote to the democratic state ticket—a fact not at all complimentary to democracy.

Reference note for the future: Stranger things have happened than would be the nomination of William J. Bryan for the presidency for the fourth time.

"They are accusing us democrats of making a 'gunshoe campaign,'" remarked Chairman Hester of the Lancaster county democratic committee. "This is not true. We are making as much noise as we can. But we haven't money enough to send our candidates trapezing over the county in buzz buggies—and would not if we did have. We expect to get our votes from the men who can not afford the benzine wagons. Our candidates have never held public office long enough to be able to buy autos. All I can say is, if the auto owners vote for the g. o. p. candidates and those who do not own autos vote for our candidates, there won't be enough republicans left in the court house to hold an experience meeting."

California welcomed President Taft with a brand new initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution. Also President Taft can not exercise any George III stuff on California, thank you.

Yes, we are having an unusually wet fall. But thank the Lord for that! Nebraska's fall weather is usually ideal—sunny, balmy and full of cheerfulness. But here's hoping that it will just keep right on raining until Nebraska is soaked down to a depth of—well, clear down to hardpan, and then some. It is going to take a lot of rainfall to get back into the ground all that has been taken out in excess of what has been taken in during the last three or four years. Right now there is no music sweeter to the ears of Will Maupin's Weekly than the music of October rains.

"The last census embraced 17,000,000," says an esteemed contemporary. Gee, wouldn't you like to be the census?

Governor Aldrich has challenged Mr. Bryan to discuss the record of the last legislature, but to date Mr. Bryan has not replied to the challenge. Nor
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